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The Honorable Spencer Abraham Secretary of Energy U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave. SW Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Abraham:

As the president of Jews Of The Earth (JOTE) I was shocked by the lack of proper, reasonable notice regarding the DOE's site selection of Yucca Mountain for a national high-level nuclear waste repository. This decision affects the entire Earth for millennia and we are provided less than 30 days to read the "Yucca Mountain Preliminary Site Suitability Evaluation" and comment at a hearing in Nevada. This surely is a violation of our right to due process, guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution.

At the very minimum, the hearings should be rescheduled to allow those citizens affected by nuclear waste being transported through their hometowns to participate in this process. Otherwise, you should expect to have your actions legally challenged by the citizens you have disenfranchised.

Sincerely,

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